

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production, consumption and export of steel in the country during each of the last three financial years both in quantity and value;
- (b) whether there has been a short fall in the export of steel;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the strategy chalked out by SAIL to strengthen its export market?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) The production and apparent consumption of Finished Carbon Steel in the country during the last three financial years is given below:

(in million tonnes)

Item	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2003-04	2004-05
	(Apr.-Feb. 2004)	(Apr.-Feb. 2004)	(Apr.-Feb. 2005)	(Apr.-Feb. 2005)	(Prov.)
Finished Carbon Steel					
Production	30.63	33.67	36.957	33.616	34.750
Apparent consumption	27.43	28.89	31.169	28.871	30.700

(Source: Joint Plant Committee)

The quantum and value of export of finished carbon steel in the country, during the last three financial years is as given below:

(Quantity: in million tonnes) (Value: Rs. crores)

Exports of finished carbon steel

2001-02 2002-03 2003-04

Qty. Value Qty. Value Qty. Value

2.704 4722 4.506 8330 4.835 9654

(Source: Joint Plant Committee)

(b) & (c): Exports of finished carbon steel during April-February, 2005 have been estimated to be 3.3 million tonnes as compared to 4.084 million tonnes during the corresponding period last year, a reduction of 19.2%. The reduction in exports is due to increase in domestic demand.

(d) SAIL has chalked out a strategy to strengthen its presence in neighbouring export markets. Its share of total exports in neighbouring markets (viz., Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka) has increased to 50% during the period April to February 2005, as compared to 30% during the corresponding period of the previous year.